REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 3-14 and 17-20 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 21-24 have been newly added. These claims are based on the original specification and claims. No new matter is entered.

Claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 have been amended to clarify applicant's claimed invention. The clarifications include grammar and

Claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by as being anticipated by Pepper et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,930,700 (Pepper).

Pepper appears to teaches a method for automatically screening and directing incoming calls directed to a communications services subscriber in which, as an incoming call is received and its origin is determined, the identified call origin is compared to the subscriber priority for that origin and the subscriber's call delivery preferences for calls of that priority are determined. The call is then routed accordingly.

With regard to independent claims 1 and 2, the Office Action refers to column 6, lines 12-54 of Pepper as teaching the step of providing information related to another communication service subscribed by the called subscriber with respect to the calling subscriber.

However applicant's claim 1 provides information related to another communication service subscribed to by the called subscriber with respect to the calling subscriber without connecting by the other communication service.

It is submitted that Pepper is different because there is no providing of information on another communication service.

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Pepper discloses, in the Abstract, "A system and method that allow a subscriber to have incoming telephone calls automatically screened and directed is described. The system allows a subscriber to automatically manage his incoming communications in a way that is easy to control and which requires a minimum of unnecessary interruptions.

Col. 6 describes alerting the called party of the call but does not provide any teaching of providing information related to another communication service.

Applicant's claim 2 recites: providing information related to another communication service subscribed to by the called subscriber with respect to the calling subscriber; when the calling subscriber selects one of the other communication services from the provided information, trying to connect to the called subscriber by way of the selected other communication service.

The Office Action points to col. 6 and col. 11, however Pepper does not describe the calling party selecting one of the other communication services and trying to connect via the other communication service.

Pepper describes the called party (subscriber) setting up the system for providing a caller with a priority and routing the call based on the priority. But there is not description of the calling party selecting, etc.

Regarding independent apparatus claims 15 and 16, the Office Action identifies a network interface 304 as reception means, a communication device 302 as reception means, and a service control modification 306 (Fig. 3) located in the signaling network 102 as means for providing information related to another communication service subscribed to by subscriber 200 of the communication counter party.

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The service control module 306 is described in col. 5, lines 38-42 is described as querying the subscriber about the handling of certain calls. However the description is different because applicant's claim provides information related to _another_ communication service subscribed to by the subscriber _without_ connecting by the other communication service.

Claim 16 also includes <u>calling terminal selects</u> one of other communication services from the provided information, the connection means tries to connect with the subscriber.

As pointed out above Pepper does not describe the calling terminal selecting and trying to connect with the subscriber via the other communication service.

Applicant's claimed invention includes providing the identification information corresponding to the communication service to a calling terminal in response to a request issued from the calling terminal.

Pepper discloses a system and method that allow a subscriber <u>to have incoming telephone calls automatically screened and directed</u>. The system and method allow a subscriber to have all of his incoming telephone calls screened in order to identify those that are of the high importance to the subscriber.

The Pepper system includes a graphical user interface (GUI) which is accessible through the subscriber's personal digital assistant (200), a Network Interface (304), a service control module (306), and a database (308). The subscriber controls this system by user-friendly interfaces to a name and telephone number database and an appointment calendar database. <u>By entering schedule information into an appointment calendar</u> (including times and locations of meetings and other events) and <u>by entering client's information into the name and telephone number database,</u> the subscriber indicates how to locate the subscriber so that important calls will reach him immediately.

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These databases also tell the system which clients are of high priority to the subscriber so that lower priority calls can be directed to a voice mail system for access at the subscriber's convenience or routed to an attendant for action.

However as pointed out above applicant's claims 1, 2, 15, 16 and new claims 21-24 include features not found in the cited reference.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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